

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Hays Creek, Moffatts Creek, Walker Creek, and Otts Creek in Augusta and Rockbridge Counties. Hays Creek was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment extends for 11.99 miles from Moffatts Creek to the confluence with the Maury River. Tributaries of Hays Creek, including Moffatts Creek, Walker Creek, and Otts Creek are also listed on the 2006 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report for violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. DEQ has developed bacteria TMDLs to address the impairments in the Hays, Moffatts, Walker, and Otts Creeks and is soliciting public comment on the draft TMDL report. The draft report will be available for review and download from the DEQ website at: http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_draft_reports.cfm beginning on or before January 29, 2008.

The final public meeting on the development of these TMDLs will be held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** at the Rockbridge Baths Volunteer Fire Department, 5024 Maury River Rd., Rockbridge Baths, VA. In the event of inclement weather on the designated meeting date, the meeting will be moved to January 31st at 7:00 p.m. The decision to postpone the meeting will be determined by the Rockbridge County School schedule. If Rockbridge County Schools are closed or close early on January 29th, the meeting will be postponed to the alternate date.

The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on February 29, 2008. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the

comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail mbrent@deq.virginia.gov.